

HOME MISSIONARY WORK

New England a Most Fertile Field, Says Chicago Minister.

President of Theological Seminary Fears American Civilization and is Not Worried about the Character of Immigrants.

The 36th annual meeting of the Congregational Woman's Home Missionary union of Vermont began its sessions Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock in the First Church.

After the singing of the opening hymn, the scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Rebecca P. Fairbanks of St. Johnsbury. Prayer was offered by Mrs. J. Elizabeth Swift of Woodstock.

Addresses of welcome were delivered by Mrs. W. J. Van Patten and Mrs. M. H. Buckham, and responded to by Mrs. Arthur P. Pratt of Bellows Falls.

Greetings from the American Missionary association and from the Educational society of the union were conveyed by Mrs. F. W. Wilcox and Mrs. N. W. Hankenmeyer.

Perhaps the most important event in the afternoon program was an address by Mrs. Hankenmeyer on "Spanish Americans of the Southwest."

Mrs. Hankenmeyer spoke with special reference to the work in New Mexico, in which she is engaged. She said that New Mexico suffers from three plagues—the politician and the priest.

After the three plagues had been mentioned, she spoke of the tremendously large estate of the proprietors and the demoralizing effect which ownership of large tracts of land by a few proprietors had upon the mass of the inhabitants.

She gave a vivid picture of the educational conditions of that region. She told of finding one man who could neither read nor write drawing pay as public school teacher.

She asked him how he had ever managed to pass the examinations necessary to secure the position. He answered that it was not so difficult since the first question had been: "How much will you pay?"

She spoke of the lack of real religion among these people and of the way in which the priest will sometimes visit a locality as seldom as once in ten years, doing in a lump job all the massing, preaching, and saying the masses which might have been said during the intervening time.

She spoke of the value of the industrial school which is liberally helped every year by the Vermont Union, and thanked the people for their liberality, while reminding them of the value of further help.

At four-thirty came the children's procession. The children of the First and College Street Churches marched in with banners and the flag, and saluted the flag and gave the Christian salute.

The children were then addressed by Mrs. Wilcox, who gave many anecdotes drawn from her work among the negroes and the mountaineers in the South.

"Seed" Thinks in the Land of Cotton was the subject of this most instructive talk. Mrs. George C. Fabian, secretary for home young people's work, spoke on the Junior societies.

From five to six o'clock followed an informal social hour at the parish house. EVENING SESSION.

In the evening at 7:30 the second session of the convention began. The scripture lesson was read by the Rev. E. G. Guthrie, and prayer was offered by the Rev. J. C. Smart. A solo, "Fear Not Ye O Israel," was sung by Mrs. C. S. Van Patten.

The address of the evening was delivered by the Rev. Ozora S. Davis, D. D., president of the Chicago Theological Seminary.

Dr. Davis had for his subject "A Vision of Service." In a very eloquent way he pointed out the opportunity offered American churches in particular, by present-day American problems.

The chief of the problems is that which comes to us with the immigrant. The immigrant is a different man today from the immigrant of ten or twenty years ago.

Dr. Davis was anything but pessimistic about these newcomers. He gave specific instances to show the stamina and character in them.

He then spoke of how near this foreigner comes to us and cited the case of Springfield, Vt., where he came to his first parish 17 years ago.

At that time the town was all American. Last summer as he walked the streets of the same town, it seemed as if every other person was a Pole or Hungarian.

He then took his audience on a four mile walk through certain streets in the heart of Chicago.

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A YEAR AND A DAY.

Laduke's Sentence in Federal Prison for Stealing from Freight Car.

Chief of Police Patrick J. Russell, Officers Miles and Collins and Station Agent J. O. Adams of the Central Vermont Railway company, who were summoned to appear at the Windsor term of United States court Wednesday as witnesses in the trial of James Louis Laduke of this city, did have to make the trip as word was received by Deputy Marshal Reeves Monday that Laduke had pleaded guilty and had received his sentence, the term being a year and a day at the government penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

Laduke has been a police court character in Burlington for several years, usually in connection with an intoxication case. Some months ago, however, some of the freight cars of the Central Vermont Railway company here were broken into and a short time afterward a bag of tobacco, candy and other goods similar to the articles taken were found at Laduke's house.

He was arrested on the charge of theft by the State authorities, at which time he claimed he had found the articles. At the term of federal court here in February he was indicted on the charge of violating the interstate commerce laws by breaking into and stealing merchandise from a car in transportation from one State to another. It was to this charge he pleaded guilty at Windsor Monday.

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TAKES HIS MEDICINE.

John Nephew Pleads Guilty to Embezzlement and Goes to Windsor.

John Nephew, who recently returned to Burlington after an absence of several weeks and was arrested on a charge of embezzling the sum of \$10 from Lowell Bartley, for whom he drove a coal team, concluded Thursday that he would "take his medicine" in city court and not wait for the fall term of county court.

He requested the State's attorney to file an information against him, charging him with the crime, and to this he pleaded guilty. He was sentenced by the court to not less than two nor more than three years at the State prison at Windsor.

John Greeno, a Burlington man recently arrested at Waterbury, was also arraigned Thursday on the charge of criminal infidelity, to which he pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to serve not less than 18 months nor more than two years at the house of correction at Rutland.

G. W. BAILEY A TRUSTEE.

Secretary of State to Succeed G. S. Fassett on University Board.

Word was received Tuesday at the office of President Benton of the University of Vermont of the appointment of Secretary of State Guy W. Bailey to the board of trustees of the university to fill out the unexpired term of Gardner S. Fassett.

Mr. Fassett, who lives in Enosburg, has been a member of the board of trustees since 1909 and therefore has served nearly a quarter of a century. His resignation will take effect June 1 and he gives as his reasons advanced years and ill health.

Mr. Bailey received the degree of A. B. from the university in 1900 and at the present time is chairman of the State Alumni association. Mr. Bailey's appointment came from the Governor in behalf of the State and he will serve beginning June 1 until the next meeting of the Legislature.

The board of trustees is made up of 30 members, nine appointed by the alumni, nine appointed by the State and the Governor of the State and president of the university are members ex-officio. The appointment of Mr. Bailey is the third appointment to be made by the Governor within a year. All of the changes were among those trustees appointed by the State.

Mr. Fassett had sole supervision of the erection of Morrill hall. Up to two years ago he was a member of the board of control of the experiment station. Most of his service was directed toward the agricultural college. The board very reluctantly accepted his resignation and the secretary has sent him a letter of appreciation.

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MAYOR'S NEW CHARGES.

To the Aldermen Committee Investigating Matters Pertaining to the Water Department.

(1) That the department's team with two men for days on different occasions have drawn manure to Commissioner Rutter's and Superintendent Kidder's grounds.

(2) That a telephone was installed in the lower office when the regular office stairs was furnished with one, and both also connected with speaking tube. The telephone was apparently put in for the benefit of Commissioner Courtney as Mr. Kidder said that it would be handy for Courtney to use while hanging around the lower office.

(3) That quantities of brass and other junk were disposed of with no returns being made to the department.

(4) That Superintendent Kidder, and Commissioner Courtney worked in an unfair and underhanded manner in trying to get rid of Miss Kitty McCaffrey and her sister, of the most competent and faithful employees that ever filled the positions. As to their efficiency, Howe, Rose & Co., expert auditors, made the following statement in one of their reports: "During our examination we were unable to find a single clerical error in the keeping of the accounts, and we take this opportunity of complimenting the department on its efficient office force."

(5) That the department has been continually doing work for private persons on their own premises, even going outside the city in some instances. This should not be continued.

(6) That disclosures already made when presented to your committee by the persons now examining the books lead me to believe that the removal of all abuses in the way of special favors given, and the total elimination of all graft, a reduction of the rate on the schedule rates to every taker of the water could easily be made.

(7) That in order to favor one of the commissioner's brothers, Mr. Kidder told Mike Collins to have him ride with him to make the people believe he was busy in order to keep him on the payroll.

(8) That Mr. Kidder has on many occasions taken men from the department for his own private interests.

(9) That coal has been furnished from the department for a former commissioner.

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JOHN POTTER WANTED.

Is Suspected of Having Stolen a Horse, Wagon and Revolver.

A young man named John Potter, age 20, until Saturday a resident of Burlington, is very much desired by the police, according to all accounts that seem to be reliable.

Mr. Potter committed a burglary and stole a horse and wagon Saturday afternoon. At present his whereabouts is unknown, but he has been traced as far as Essex Junction and the horse and wagon have been recovered.

Potter came to this city not very long ago and worked for George M. Farrington on North avenue for a short time, then he hired out to Edward C. Parker, who is occupying the old Hathaway place on North avenue, and remained there until Saturday.

He was instructed Saturday afternoon to take the wagon and come into the city to get the baggage at the Star restaurant and he started out on his mission but later he evidently returned for it was discovered that the work wagon had been exchanged for a Concord buggy and Potter was suspected as having made the change because neither he nor the horse showed up again.

Later in the day there came a report to the police office that the house on the Farrington place on North avenue, which is only a short distance from the farm occupied by Mr. Parker, had been broken into. Chief Russell at once made an investigation and ascertained that the house had been entered by some one who had been there for some time before the case to fall in. A search inside the place disclosed the fact that the bedroom of Mr. Farrington had been thoroughly ransacked but no article of value except a Colt's revolver. The burglary was committed some time in the afternoon when Mr. Farrington, who is the sole occupant of the house, was away.

Chief Russell immediately notified the surrounding towns and began a search. Sunday afternoon, Officer William Collins, who was looking up the case in Essex Junction, discovered that a rig answering the description of the stolen one had been left at half-past four o'clock Saturday afternoon at Willey's stable by a man who in every way resembled Potter. The man told the people at the stable that he wanted to leave the horse and buggy there for about an hour. He then took a large revolver from under the seat cushion and departed. He did not show up again. This undoubtedly established the identity of Potter, as the revolver was probably the one stolen from Farrington's place.

The office at Burlington was notified Sunday afternoon of the discovery and preparations were made to have the rig driven back to Burlington, but a further examination of the outfit disclosed the fact that although it was Parker's buggy it was not Parker's horse, the animal at the Willey stable being a much smaller one than the horse stolen. Potter evidently had swapped the horse, got something to "boot" and decided to leave the last acquired horse and wagon at the stable.

The Parker horse was recovered late Sunday evening at the home of Frank Campobasso, in Chase street. It developed that Campobasso met a man answering Potter's description on the Colchester road near Fort Ethan Allen and that the two got into a conversation which finally resulted in the two swapping horses. This happened between three and four o'clock Saturday afternoon. The Campobasso horse is the one recovered at the Willey stable in Essex Junction.

Potter is described as a man 20 years of age and about five feet four inches tall, of light complexion, with brown hair and wearing gray clothing. He told his employer that his home was in Montpelier.

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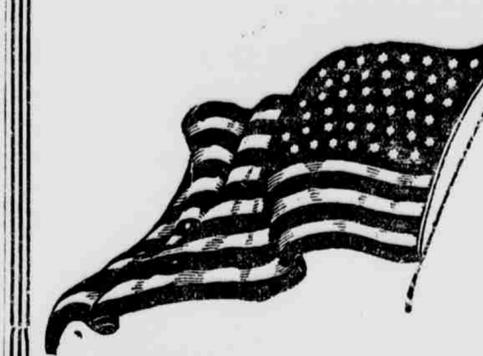
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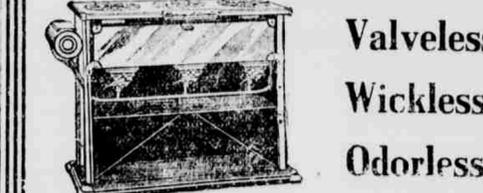
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